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200-000-MSB-2014-SPB

Location:
Taunton State Hospital
60 Hodges Avenue
Taunton, MA

Time:
1000-1400 hours

March 26, 2014

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200-000-MSB-2014-SPC

Location:
UMass - Amherst
One Campus Center Way
Room 163C – 1st Floor
Amherst, MA

Time:
1000-1400 hours

PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSES TO BOMBING INCIDENTS

The Department of Fire Services, Massachusetts Fire Academy in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police will be presenting a seminar encompassing three presentations on the response to the 2013 Marathon Bombing Attack. These presentations will focus on the actual response to the bombing, insight to recognizing explosive devices, as well as an EMS perspective to such events. This is open to all Fire, Police, EMS and First Responders.

Presentation on the 2013 Marathon Bombing

Presented by: Massachusetts State Police Trooper Eric Gahagan

A rush of Public Safety Officials and First Responders united to deal with the events and aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombing, which occurred on April 15, 2013 as runners were finishing the race while friends and family cheered them on. Trooper Eric Gahagan, who took on a leadership role during the attack, takes you inside as the events unfold, with the response and coordination of First Responders to the scene, as well as the actions taken to apprehend the terrorists responsible for this heinous crime.

Presenter: Eric Gahagan has been a Trooper with the Massachusetts State Police for 20 years. He currently serves as a Bomb Technician as well as an Explosive Device K9 Handler. He is responsible for the development of training for bomb squad members and has personally responded to over 3000 calls to service as a Bomb Technician.

First Responders – Recognition of Explosive Devices

Presented by: Massachusetts State Police Sergeant William Qualls

What do you do when you encounter a possible explosive device? What are the warning signs of a "Suspicious Package?" What is the plan of action when a bomb threat is reported in a business, school, hospital or other facility? Sergeant William Qualls shares his expertise on real-life scenarios where the actions of First Responders literally mean life or death.

Presenter: Sergeant William Qualls, a 20-year veteran of the Massachusetts State Police, serves as a Bomb Technician as well as an Explosive Device K9 Handler. An instructor on the national and international level, he currently serves as the State's Bomb Squad Commander and has been involved in over 4000 calls to service as a Bomb Technician.

EMS Component to Bombing Incidents

Presented by: Massachusetts State Police Trooper Dan Jones

When an explosive device detonates, it doesn't discriminate, inflicting traumatic injury to the human body. What happens when the individual tasked with defusing the device is the victim? What will EMS personnel encounter when they are summoned to such a scene? How can they minimize their risk while providing the necessary life-saving care to a blast victim? Trooper Dan Jones outlines primary, secondary, and tertiary injuries caused by explosions. Other topics include blasts resulting in mass casualties and the potential effect on responders following these types of incidents.

Presenter: Daniel Jones has been a Trooper with the Massachusetts State Police for the past 8 years. He currently serves as a Fire and Explosion Investigator as well as a Bomb Squad Medic. A former career firefighter, he has extensive training in Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, and Tactical Emergency Medical Support.

Registration Process: Register online at www.mass.gov/dfs. To register by mail, complete a standard DFS/MFA student application and mail to: Registrar, Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, P.O. Box 1025, State Road, Stow, MA 01775. To register by fax, complete a standard DFS/MFA student application and fax to: (978) 567-3229.